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Trump directing the opening of Guantanamo Bay detention center to hold migrants in U.S. illegally

By **WILL WEISSERT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he is directing the opening of a detention center at Guantanamo Bay to hold up to 30,000 migrants who are living illegally in the United States.

Trump made the announcement right before he signed the Laken Riley Act into law as his administration's first piece of legislation. The bipartisan measure means that people who are in the U.S. illegally and are accused of theft and violent crimes would have to be detained and potentially deported even before a conviction.

The measure quickly passed the new Republican-controlled Congress with some Democratic support even though immigrants rights advocates said it possibly could lead to large round-ups of people for offenses as minor as shoplifting. Trump has pledged that his administration will carry out the largest mass deportation effort in U.S. history.

Trump, who won back the White House by tapping into public anger over illegal immigration, has made the promised crackdown a



In this April 17, 2019, photo, reviewed by U.S. military officials, the control tower is seen through the razor wire inside the Camp VI detention facility in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

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centerpiece of his political career, and is now suggesting the new law might only be the beginning.

"This shows the potential for additional enforcement bills that will help us crack down on criminal aliens and totally restore the rule of law in our country," the president told House Republicans at a conference at his Doral golf club in Florida.

The legislation is named for

Laken Riley, a 22-year-old Georgia nursing student who went out for a run in February 2024 and was killed by Jose Antonio Ibarra, a Venezuelan national in the U.S. illegally. Ibarra was found guilty in November and sentenced to life without parole.

"To have a bill of such importance named after her is a great, a great tribute," Trump said. "This new form of crime, criminal, illegal

aliens, it's it's massive, the numbers are massive and you add that to the crime we already had."

The swift passage of the legislation and Trump's signing nine days after taking office adds to the potent symbolism for conservatives.

To critics, the measure has taken advantage of a tragedy and could lead to chaos and cruelty while doing little to fight crime or

overhaul the immigration system.

Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pa., a cosponsor, planned to attend the signing ceremony. "I believe a secure border creates a more secure nation and it's just common sense," he said in a statement, adding that he was elected "to work with both sides of the aisle."

Federal officials would have to detain any immigrant arrested or charged with crimes such as theft or assaulting a police officer, or offenses that injure or kill someone. State attorneys general could sue the U.S. government for harm caused by federal immigration decisions potentially allowing the leaders of conservative states to help dictate immigration policy set by Washington.

Ibarra had been arrested for illegal entry in September 2022 near El Paso, Texas, and released to pursue his case in immigration court. Federal officials say he was arrested by New York police in August 2023 for child endangerment and released. Police say he was also suspected of theft in Georgia in October 2023 all of which occurred before Riley's killing. □

Ex-fire chief in New York City pleads guilty in corruption scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — A former New York City Fire Department chief pleaded guilty Wednesday to a conspiracy charge, admitting that

he and others agreed to accept \$190,000 in bribes to speed up safety inspections for customers of a former city firefighter.



This combo of Feb. 7, 2023 images provided by the Fire Department of the City of New York, shows Brian Cordasco, left, and Anthony Saccavino,

Associated Press

Anthony Saccavino, who at the time of the crimes headed the department's Bureau of Fire Prevention, entered the plea in Manhattan federal court, where sentencing was set for May 14.

When Saccavino was charged in September, he was arrested along with Brian Cordasco, another former city fire chief who pleaded guilty in October to a conspiracy charge. Cordasco will be sentenced in March.

The arrests came amid multiple federal corruption probes of members of the administration of Mayor Eric Adams, although the prosecution of Cordasco was not believed to be

related to those investigations. Adams, a Democrat, has pleaded not guilty to charges alleging that he accepted about \$100,000 of free or deeply discounted international flights, hotel stays, meals and entertainment in return for illegal campaign contributions from a Turkish official and members of the Turkish business community.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention is responsible for regulating the installation of fire safety and suppression systems throughout New York City and ensuring fire safety regulations are obeyed.

A plea agreement signed with the government recommended Saccavino serve five years in prison.

It also called for Saccavino to give up the \$57,000 in bribes he received before the scheme was discovered. Authorities said Saccavino carried out the scheme from 2021 to 2023. Authorities said Saccavino lied to his subordinates in the department to justify rushing improper requests to expedite inspections.

In a statement, Saccavino attorney Joseph Caldarera said his client "made a difficult decision to plead guilty to a conspiracy charge, prioritizing his family's well-being."

"He respects the judicial process and believes this course of action is in the best interest of his loved ones," Caldarera said. □

Police say at least 30 people have died in a stampede at the massive Maha Kumbh festival in India

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Associated Press

PRAYAGRAJ, India (AP) —

At least 30 people were killed and many more injured in a stampede at the world's largest religious gathering early Wednesday, police said, as millions of pilgrims rushed to dip in sacred waters during the Maha Kumbh festival in northern India.

Police officer Vaibhav Krishna in Prayagraj city said another 60 injured were rushed to hospitals.

Wednesday was a sacred day in the six-week Hindu festival, and authorities expected a record 100 million devotees to engage in a ritual bath at the confluence of the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers. Hindus believe that a dip at the holy site can cleanse them of past sins and end the process of reincarnation.

The stampede happened when pilgrims tried to jump barricades erected for a procession of holy men, Uttar Pradesh state's top



Security officers carry a woman out from the site of a stampede at the Sangam, the confluence of the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers, on "Mauni Amavasya" or new moon day during the Maha Kumbh festival, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

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as saying. "There was no chance for escape, there was pushing from all sides," she said.

Distressed families lined up outside a makeshift hospi-

The Maha Kumbh festival, held every 12 years, started on Jan. 13. Authorities expect more than 400 million people to throng the pilgrimage site in total. Nearly

led by Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata party, and blamed the stampede on "mismanagement" and "VIP culture" the latter referring to what they say is

preferential treatment for politicians and celebrities.

"The government should make better arrangements to meet the needs of common devotees," Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi wrote on social platform X. The 45-day festival is a significant cultural event for India's Hindus, who make up nearly 80% of the country's more than 1.4 billion people. It's also a prestige event for Modi, whose ruling party boasts of promoting Hindu cultural symbols. The Maha Kumbh festival has had stampedes in the past. In 2013, at least 40 pilgrims who were taking part in the festival were killed in a stampede at a train station in Prayagraj.

Deadly stampedes are relatively common around Indian religious festivals, where large crowds gather in small areas. In July at least 116 people died, most of them women and children, when thousands at a religious gathering in northern India stampeded at a tent camp in Hathras town. □

Leader of rebels who toppled Syrian President Bashar Assad is named country's interim president

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

The leader of Syria's former rebels who toppled President Bashar Assad last month was named the country's interim president on Wednesday as former insurgents also cancelled the existing constitution, saying a new charter would be drafted soon.

The appointment of Ahmad al-Sharaa, a rebel once aligned with al-Qaida, as the country's president "in the transitional phase," came after a meeting of the insurgents in Damascus, the Syrian capital. The announcement was made by the spokesperson for Syria's new, de facto government's military operations sector, Col. Hassan Abdul

Ghani, the state-run SANA news agency said.

Abdul Ghani also announced the cancellation of the country's constitution passed in 2012 under Assad's rule and said al-Sharaa would be authorized to form a temporary legislative Council until a new constitution is drafted. He also announced the dissolution of the armed factions in the country, which he said would be absorbed into state institutions.

Al-Sharaa, formerly known as Abu Mohammed al-Golani, is the leader of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, an Islamist former insurgent group that led the lightning offensive that toppled Assad last month. The group was once affiliated with al-Qaida but has since denounced its former ties, and in recent

years al-Sharaa has sought to cast himself as a champion of pluralism and tolerance.

The United States had previously placed a \$10 million bounty on al-Sharaa but canceled it last month after a U.S. delegation visited Damascus and met with him. Since Assad's fall, HTS has become the de facto ruling party and has set up an interim government largely composed of officials from the local government it previously ran in rebel-held Idlib province.

As the former Syrian army collapsed with Assad's downfall, al-Sharaa has called for creation of a new unified national army and security forces, but questions have loomed over how the interim administration can bring together a

patchwork of former rebel groups, each with their own leaders and ideology. Even knottier is the question of the U.S.-backed Kurdish groups that have carved

out an autonomous enclave early in Syria's civil war, never fully siding with the Assad government or the rebels seeking to topple him. □



Syria's de facto leader Ahmad al-Sharaa, formerly known as Abu Mohammed al-Golani, walks in the presidential palace ahead of his meeting with Walid Ellafi, Libyan minister of state for communication and political affairs, in Damascus, Dec. 28, 2024.

Associated Press



Papillon: Where Culinary Tradition Sparks with Timeless Elegance



Tucked away in the vibrant heart of the Village for over a decade and a half, Papillon isn't just a restaurant; it's a culinary adventure waiting to unfold. Picture this: a sanctuary where the flavors of the French Caribbean have danced harmoniously with classic French fare for the past 15 years, all set against the backdrop of a movie-inspired ambiance that's as enchanting as it is welcoming.

Located in the heart of Palm Beach and within walking distance from hotels and local markets in the area, Papillon takes the famous story of a French man experiencing the flavors and culture of the Caribbean and incorporates these aspects of the Caribbean touch into their French culinary repertoire. Step through the doors of the newly-expanded Papillon, and you're not just stepping into a dining establishment; you're stepping into a world where sophistication embraces you like an old friend. The decor, a homage to the allure of the iconic film, casts a spell of intimacy and comfort, urging you to settle in and relish every moment. Here, dining isn't just about sustenance; it's about indulging in an experience meticulously crafted to ignite your senses.

At the heart of Papillon's magic lies its menu – a symphony of flavors orchestrated by culinary artisans. Imagine savoring the decadent richness of foie gras or the sublime delicacy of frog legs, each dish a love letter to tradition infused with a dash of innovation. And oh, the spectacle of the Dover sole being expertly prepared tableside! It's culinary theater at its finest, leaving you spellbound with every bite. All this served with a backdrop of the Caribbean ambience, complete with live musical performances and an inviting and colorful twist to your dinner experience!

But wait, there's more! Enter the realm of the Chef's Table, a weekly extravaganza led by the maestro himself, Executive Chef Juan Ludeña. Prepare to be whisked away on a six-course od-



yssey, each dish meticulously paired with wines handpicked from the largest French wine selection on the island by the esteemed Maitre d' Michael Otten. It's a soirée reserved for those who truly appreciate the artistry of gastronomy – an exquisite symphony for the palate.

In essence, Papillon isn't just a restaurant; it's an oasis for epicurean explorers. It's where passion meets refinement, where every dish is a masterpiece waiting to be savored, and every moment is a celebration of the finer things in life. So if you're craving the warmth of French Caribbean delights, Papillon invites you to join them on an unforgettable journey for the senses. Bon appétit!



Papillon is located in Palm Beach in front of the Hilton Resort, and open from 5pm to 10pm. Early Bird takes places from 5pm to 7pm. For reservations or more information please contact the restaurant at +297 699 5400, e-mail them at info@papillonaruba.com or visit their website at papillonaruba.com □

How Aruban beaches came to be!

(Oranjestad)—We've talked about the best beaches to visit on the island before, but have you ever wondered how Aruba got its white, sandy beaches, and why there's a clear difference between the northern and southern shores? Here are some fun facts about the development

of Aruban beaches.

How did Aruba get its white, sandy beaches?

Aruba's beaches have developed over the span of thousands of years. Waves crashing on the rocky formations along our coast line (which consists mainly of

coral reefs) have started to wear and tear the reefs over time, resulting in its gradual breakdown. Fish that feed off corals also contribute to this, one small bite at a time. Over the course of thousands of years, as waves continue to crash and fish continue to eat off the corals, sand starts to accumulate around the area. However, whether the sand stays there is another question to be answered, and this is where we highlight the biggest difference between the northern and southern coast of the island.

around a torn coral reef is swept away along with the debris by the ocean stream. However, in areas where it's shallow and the stream is weaker, the sand tends to stick to the bottom faster. This is why the beaches in the south—the areas with weaker stream and shallower ocean floors—has sand that stretches for miles. In contrast, the northern area, where the stream is much stronger and the ocean floor is much deeper, there is no sand present—they were swept away with the current!

shallow?

Ah! Good question...and interesting phrasing.

Aruba is a continental island. The island actually forms part of South America, and the space between Aruba and the South American continent is simply referred to as land that runs under the ocean. This is why it gets gradually deeper in the south, whereas the ocean floor in the north runs steeply to the bottom. □

Source: archival document provided by the National Archive of Aruba (ANA).



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Food culture in Aruba

(Oranjestad) - Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick "to-go" breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are

a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening "meal" can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

(Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban

eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch. Desserts include, bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (dark fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more.

Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may eas-

ily find around the island. These include, Saco*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more. These snacks are usually sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun. □

*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bo-

naire and Curacao

*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

*Saco: Saco literally means "bag". Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag.

Source: Voeding, voedingsgewoonten en gerechten op Aruba (Nutrition, Food Traditions and Dishes on Aruba) by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba




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As the Chiefs chase a 3-peat, DeAndre Hopkins and other vets finally get their Super Bowl chance

By DAVE SKRETTA

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

DeAndre Hopkins was stuck on a downtrodden team in Tennessee headed for the No. 1 overall pick in the draft. Kareem Hunt was stuck without a job at all.

Yet the veteran wide receiver and running back, along with Marquise Brown, D.J. Humphries and others, managed to strike gold as in, gold and diamond-encrusted AFC championship rings when circumstances brought them to Kansas City.

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"Words can't really describe it," admitted Hopkins, a three-time All-Pro, who had



Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (8) runs with the ball past Buffalo Bills cornerback Kaiir Elam (5) during the first half of the AFC Championship NFL football game, Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, in Kansas City, Mo.

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done just about everything in his career but play for a true championship contender. "A dream come true. I've been

in the league 12 years and I haven't gotten this far." The Chiefs have, of course. They are making their third

straight trip to the big game, and fifth in six years, as they try to become the first franchise in NFL history to raise

three consecutive Lombardi Trophies come Super Bowl Sunday.

They might as well start scheduling these February business trips.

But for most players, including Hopkins, making it is akin to a crowning achievement, a moment they worked for their entire career. In his case, that meant 178 regular-season games and eight more in the playoffs.

His combined production has meant more than 1,000 catches and 13,000 yards, or roughly 7 1/2 miles worth of receptions. And it meant many wins, but just as many losses.

So it was quite the career lifeline for Hopkins when the Chiefs, who had lost Brown and Rashee Rice to injuries, asked the Titans about a trade. He joined a franchise with a championship pedigree from a team that finished 3-14 this past season. □

MetaCorp continues to invest in Aruba: "The Balashi Beer Experience" to open at Gloria

MetaCorp and its subsidiary Gloria have officially announced an exciting new development for Aruba: "The Balashi Beer Experience." This innovative attraction will bring the story of Aruba's iconic Balashi Beer to life through immersive video projections, vibrant imagery, special effects, interactive exhibits, and engaging games, culminating in a unique beer-tasting experience.

The attraction promises to be dynamic, creative, and interactive, featuring nine different scenarios. Visitors will embark on a journey through the world of Balashi Beer and its home on Aruba, famously known as the "One Happy Island."

Scheduled to open in 2026, "The Balashi Beer Experience" is expected to draw thousands of visitors annually. It will appeal to hotel tourists, cruise ship passengers, and adult residents of Aruba, who have long supported the Balashi brand.

To ensure a world-class experience, MetaCorp enlisted the expertise of Sandenburg-DST, the Amsterdam-based agency behind the globally acclaimed "The Heineken Experience" and other award-winning brand experiences. Sandenburg-DST has developed the concept and is now working on the design for "The Balashi Beer Experience."

This new attraction will occupy approximately 1,300 square meters within a planned expansion at Gloria.



Its addition represents a significant milestone in Gloria's evolution as a premier entertainment destination. It will also complement existing offerings, including The Movies, Olive Garden, P.F. Chang's, and Starbucks.

As Aruba's oldest company, MetaCorp takes pride in consistently seeking opportunities to enhance the island's economy and tourism. The company firmly believes in Aruba's potential and sees this investment as more than just a new attraction—it's an opportunity to create jobs and further enrich the island's appeal.

Over the years, even during challenging times

like the pandemic, MetaCorp has continued to expand its investments. These include opening The Movies in San Nicolas, investing in New York Laundry, Brouwerij Nacional Balashi, EcoTech, and developing ATCO Concrete into APEX. The company also launched Eco-Gas with branches in Noord and San Nicolas and added Antillean Soap Company (ANSO), from Curaçao, to its portfolio, which included significant investments into modernizing equipment and creating new products.

For updates and more information about the development of "The Balashi Beer Experience," visit: www.balashiexperience.com. □

Mikaela Shiffrin prioritizes recovery over chasing World Cup win No. 100 in return from ski crash

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Mikaela Shiffrin's pursuit of World Cup win No. 100 isn't at the top of her priority list on the eve of her return to ski racing two months after a serious crash.

For her, the slalom competition Thursday in Courchevel, France, is simply the next step in getting her health back to 100%.

The two-time Olympic champion is still rounding into top form after a spill in a giant slalom race on Nov. 30 in Killington, Vermont, where something punctured her in the side and caused severe trauma to her oblique muscles.

Shiffrin said she wasn't even sure if she would make it back at all this season.



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates after winning a women's World Cup slalom skiing event in Are, Sweden, March 10, 2024.

Associated Press

"To be here at this point is just so incredible," Shiffrin said in a video she recorded ahead of Thursday's competition. "It's just really hard to zoom out and look at that whole big picture and all the hype (around chasing her 100th win) that has been talked about since the start of the season."

"This is a step. This is a really big step in my recovery. But it's only one step, actually. We're taking it as it comes. My biggest goal is to enjoy being back in the start gate again."

The French region has long held a special place for Shiffrin. She's won seven World Cup events at Courchevel/Meribel, spanning four different disciplines. She's captured three world championship medals in this area, too. It's also where she earned her first win after losing her father. Jeff Shiffrin died at age 65 in February 2020, in an accident at the family home in Colorado.

"It was very much the first race that helped me believe on any level that I might be able to return to the form that I had before my dad's accident," explained Shiffrin, who can become the first Alpine ski racer to amass 100 World Cup wins. "It helped me realize that even though my life might never be the same, that doesn't mean it's not worth it. There is a lot of meaning built into this race for me."

"It's pretty beautiful that I'm able to make this return here."

The road back following her ski crash has been filled with hurdles. Right after the crash, she didn't have the core strength to rise out of a chair. She also needed a surgery to ward off infection from the puncture wound that was millimeters from piercing her colon.

With the help of physical therapist Regan Dewhirst, she's steadily regained her strength. On Jan. 1, Shiffrin was back on skis.

Two weeks later, she was executing some easy turns through slalom gates. This race, a return to competition, is just the next step along the way. □



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